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FCEM&HS STUDIES HOW HAZARDOUS MATERIALS COMMODITIES FLOW THROUGH COUNTY

Study Findings, Recommendations to be Published in September

FCEM&HS, working with the University of Findlay's All Hazards Training Center, will publish and distribute a report in September outlining the types and amounts of hazardous materials that enter and exit Franklin County via road and rail transportation.

The report will include a Top Ten Case Study based on the products and situations that would likely pose the greatest risks to residents and first responders in Franklin County. Also included will be recommendations on actions Franklin County may take to mitigate the effects of an actual event.

A survey conducted from July 29 to August 11 by the University of Findlay produced data for the major arteries of traffic that enter and exit Franklin County, including rail. Locations surveyed included:

- Interstate 71 North and South
- Interstate 70 East and West
- State Route 23 North and South
- State Route 33 East and West
- Rail, including Nationwide Railroad Tunnel downtown

Findings and recommendations are being reviewed with the Columbus Division of Fire Hazardous Materials Response Team to help make sure they are applicable to local needs.

Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security, a local government agency, coordinates county-wide emergency/disaster planning, education, warning, response, and recovery to minimize adverse impacts on area residents and property.

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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
